caused due to the non-filling of the pits after removing the road division and

(d) what action has been taken against current officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d). This stretch is an urban link and as such is not a National Highway.

State PWD have informed that widening of the road to 4-laned in this stretch has been completed. The electric poles needed shifting in the Central verge.

Work of central verge was completed in part length but Nagpur Municipal Corporation delayed the shifting of polses causing in convenience and hardship to traffic. Dividers have therefore been removed for the time being and pits filled up. No accidents have been reported on this account and therefore question of taking any action against the officers does not arise.

Allocation of funds to the Nagpur division of National Highway

1853. SHRI SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how much money has been allocated to the National Highways Division of Nagpur in Maharashtra for the year 1993-94 and actually disbursed;

(b) what was the demand made by the division;

(c) what is the reasons for giving less money; and

(d) by when the required amount will be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Allocation of funds for National Highway works is made to the State as a whole and not Division-wise. Further distribution of funds in various Division is made by the State Government keeping in view the demands and availability of funds.

Proposals submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government for National Highways

1854. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government for inclusion of any State Highways under National Highways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) at what stage of consideration they are?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has sponsored nine proposals aggregating to 4,812 Km. for declaration as new National Highways in the 8th Five Year Plan. Consequently, the Krunool-Chittoor Road traversing through Nandyal and Cuddapah having a length of 369 Km. has been included in the National Highway grid in January, 1993. However, due to the meagre allcoations under the Central Sector Roads programme in the 8th Plan, it is difficult to declare new National Highway in any State including Andhra Pradesh at this point of time.

Losses Suffered by Cochin Shipyard

1855. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cochin Shipyard, the country's premier shipbuilding yard in the public sector is on the verge of collapse and is facing serious threat of closure;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss suffered by the Shipyard at the end of